

City of Milton Parks & Recreation Commission 2020 Work Plan

MISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission oversees development of new, and maintenance of existing, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities owned by the City of Milton. The commission strives to provide quality recreation opportunities at city parks and facilities that serve people of all ages and abilities.

2019 PROJECT REVIEW

- Crossridge Park
 - o Hosted the Annual Prairie Seed Collection October 19, 2019
- Tree City USA Designation
 - Recommended approval of the Arbor Day Proclamation to the Common Council March 18, 2019
 - Hosted an Arbor Day Observance event
 - o Completed the application for Tree City USA Designation
 - o Recommended approval to the Common Council of a resolution authorizing the submittal of an Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - Received a 2019 Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - o Continued current tree replacement program in parks.
- Milton Area Veterans Memorial
 - o Placed additional bricks at the memorial
 - o Assisted with the 2nd Annual Active Duty Military Honor Holiday Tree
 - Worked with volunteers on fundraising, planning, and construction of a pavilion at Veterans Park.
- Bike Racks
 - Purchased two bike racks One at North Goodrich Park and one at South Goodrich Park. Installation will occur in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020, depending on weather and staff schedules.
- King Park
 - o Determined the locations for two new baskets that will be added in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020, depending on weather and staff schedules.
- Tails n Trails Dog Park
 - o Hosted Annual Clean Up on September 14, 2019.
- Tower Hill Park Improvements
 - o Added a path to the playground equipment from the sidewalk for accessibility.
- Water Tower Park

o Purchased additional playground equipment and installation will take place in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020, depending on the weather and staff schedules.

2020 PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PLANNED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

• Bike Racks

- o Select locations, purchase, and install two new bike racks for City of Milton parks.
- Update: The Parks & Recreation Commission approved the purchase of the Fixit and the Air Kit 3 from Dero to be placed on the Glacial River Bike Trail and the Milton Public Library. If funding is available, a third will be purchased for Railroad Park.

• Community House Rejuvenation

o Develop a plan of action to rejuvenate the Community House interior and exterior.

Crossridge Park

- o Host the Annual Prairie Seed Collection October 17, 2020
- o Explore grant opportunities to complete the Crossridge Park Project Plan, and submit applications as appropriate.

King Park

o Install two additional baskets in specified locations if not completed in fall of 2019.

Lamar Park

o Blacktop under bleachers at the "little" ball diamond.

• Liberty Park Updates – Play and Traffic

- o Select, purchase, and install additional playground equipment to enhance play opportunities at the park.
- o Analyze options to create a safer traffic pattern in and out of the park.

Milton Area Veterans Memorial / Veterans Park

- o Continue Annual Active Duty Military Honor Holiday Tree.
- o Place bricks at the memorial prior to Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day.
- o Host the dedication of the Veterans Park Pavilion on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020.
- o Determine the locations in the park and plant a mix of evergreens and shade trees.

Milton Public Library Outdoor Space – Story Gardens

- o Continue work on the design, fundraising, and construction.
- o Construct an outdoor program space, raised garden beds, ramps, and walking path if funding is in place.

Pollinator Art

 Work with the schools and/or local artists on creating art pieces that showcase pollinators for Crossridge Park and/or Story Gardens at the Milton Public Library.

• Tails n Trails Dog Park

- Determine new location for the port-a-john away from the entrance and blacktop a spot for it to maintain a level surface.
- Add a curb around the dog washing station to better direct the water flow away from the parking lot.

- Trail connecting Crossridge Park to Schilberg Park
 - Continue discussions on this project as shown in the Comprehensive Plan as development in the area continues.
- Water Tower Park
 - o Install purchased playground equipment if not completed in fall of 2019.
 - **Output** Update: The playground was installed.
- General park maintenance as documented in previous park surveys.
- Review the lights at the ball diamonds and make repairs as needed.
- Create a video catalog of the parks with assistance from an Eagle Scout or high school students, if possible.
- Tree City USA Designation
 - o Recommend approval of the Arbor Day Proclamation to the Common Council
 - o Host an Arbor Day Observance event April 20, 2020
 - o Complete application for Tree City USA Designation
 - Recommend approval to the Common Council of a resolution authorizing the submittal of a 2021 Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - o Continue current tree replacement program in parks.

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